



**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**  
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***MHCC 16-012***  
***"Data Management and Analytic Support for***  
***The Maryland Medical Care Data Base"***  
***Questions and Responses***

**Question 1:** If an organization has affiliated companies (e.g., two subsidiaries of a common parent; one wholly-owned subsidiary and one partially-owned subsidiary of a common parent company) and one of them takes the lead and the others provide labor and other resources and services, would the past experience of the combination of the organizations satisfy capability requirements of the prime contractor?

**Response 1:** The Commission's AG has reviewed the question and the answer is "Yes". A member of an affiliated organization may be the lead and another member may provide labor; furthermore, the combined experience may be used to meet minimum qualifications.

**Question 2:** During the pre-bid conference it was reiterated by MHCC that the evaluations and subsequent award will be completed very soon by Feb'2016 (on a very aggressive schedule). If say, the awardee is company A, who is not the incumbent, will the NTP be a date in March/April 2016? If so, will MHCC be cancelling the existing contract (incumbent contract that is due to expire on 6/30/2016) by March/April 2016; 2/3 months early to allow company A start the work under the new contract?

**Response 2:** Yes, the expected start in the current contract start date would be in April 2016. No, the existing contract will not be terminated early. The goal is to allow an overlap to permit a smooth transition.

**Question 3:** Do proposed solutions require the continued use of Microsoft SQL Server as the RDBMS as depicted in Section 3.2.3.4 of the RFP?

**Response 3:** Only the MCDB Portal (3.4.2.1, 3.2..1 and referenced sections) requires a "lift and drop" approach. All others, including 3.2.3.4 may be in whatever solution the vendor proposes, as long as it meets the requirements specified in the RFP.

**Question 3:** Do you have a list of VSBEs that you could share with us? It looks like there was only one on the sign in list that called out being a VSBE—

**Response 3:** The attached lists [MHCC 16-012 MCDB\\_VSBE Search Results](#) were generated using the NAICS Codes:

518210 "Data Processing, Hosting, And Related Services" - Keyword "Health"  
541511 "Custom Computer Programming Services" - Keyword "Health"

**Question 4:** What if we were looking for hardware purchases—is there a separate NAICS Code for that?

**Response 4:** NAICS Code 423430 Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers this industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in the merchant wholesale distribution of computers, computer peripheral equipment, loaded computer boards, and/or computer software.

*Cross References*

establishments primarily engaged in-- merchant wholesale distribution of modems and other electronic communications equipment--are classified in industry 423690, other electronic parts and equipment merchant wholesalers; and selling, planning, and designing computer systems that integrate computer hardware, software, and communication technologies--are classified in u.s. industry 541512, computer systems design services.